

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1697

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 1996

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. DORGAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR INDEPENDENT**  
4 **COUNSELS.**

5 Paragraph (1) of section 594(j) of title 28, United  
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1           “(1) RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT WHILE  
2           INDEPENDENT COUNSEL AND APPOINTEES ARE  
3           SERVING.—(A) During the period in which an inde-  
4           pendent counsel is serving under this chapter, the  
5           independent counsel shall not—

6                   “(i) engage in any legal work other than as  
7                   required for service under this chapter; or

8                   “(ii) receive any compensation for  
9                   affiliating with or being employed by an entity  
10                  that provides professional legal services.

11                  “(B) During the period in which an independ-  
12                  ent counsel is serving under this chapter, any person  
13                  associated with a firm with which such independent  
14                  counsel is associated, may not represent in any mat-  
15                  ter any person involved in any investigation or pros-  
16                  ecution under this chapter. During the period in  
17                  which any person appointed by an independent coun-  
18                  sel under subsection (c) is serving in the office of  
19                  independent counsel, such person may not represent  
20                  in any matter any person involved in any investiga-  
21                  tion or prosecution under this chapter.”.

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